

retreats: ITA F ion r NAP, F spa/sc r LYO.  
 ENGLAND(Brown): F nth-ENG; F iri-MID; A BER S A mun;  
 F eng-BRE; A ruh-BUR(S A BEL & A MUN); F den-NTH;  
 F hel-KIE; F STP/NC H(S F BOT).  
 FRANCE(J Ellis): A POR S F spa; A bur-MAR(S F SPA/SC).  
 ITALY(Holley): A PAR-bur; F nap-APU; A boh-VIE(S A TYO);  
 F TUN-ion; A ven \$ A tri(d,r pie,rom,tus,otb);  
 A tri \$ A boh-vie(d,ann); F LYO-mar.  
 TURKEY(Johnston): F AEG-ion; F bla-CON; A apu-VEN(S F ADR);  
 A vie-tyo(d,r gal,otb); A sil-BOH; A war-SIL; A rum-BUD;  
 A bud-TRI(S A SER); F ion-TYS; F gre-ALB.

## 1907 SUPPLY CENTERS

E home nwy den kie stp hol swe mun ber BRE BEL 13 +2  
 F (bre) por (bel) MAR SPA 3 even  
 I rom (ven) rom (spa) (mar) tun par vie 5 -2%  
 T home bul ser gre sev rum tri bud war mos VEN 13 +1%  
 \*-has a retreat X-had one ann

WINTER 1905/SPRING 1906 are due April 7. T/E and E fail 1-1  
 (2 NVR). T/E/I is proposed, NVR is no. Please note COA for  
 Jeff Ellis.

scarecrow press

ENGLAND-TURKEY: I almost voted for the ET.  
 TURKEY-FRANCE: If you don't vote for the draw, I may well  
 win. If you like your British buddy, you'll vote yes.

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## 86CD SURFING BIRD FALL 1902

retreats: TUR A arm r OTB.  
 AUSTRIA(Pierce): A GAL-war; F ALB S tur A bul-gre;  
 A rum \$ tur F bla-sev(NSO)(d,r bud,otb); A bud-SER.  
 ENGLAND(Ellis): A yor-HOL(C F NTH); F NWY S rus F swe.  
 FRANCE(Drane): A pie-TYO; F mid-ENG; A bur-BEL(S A PIC);  
 A gas-BUR;  
 GERMANY(Bishop): A MUN; F BAL; F bel(d,ann); A RUH; A DEN.  
 ITALY(Atkins): A GRE H(S F ION); A apu-VEN.  
 RUSSIA(Russ): A stp-MOS; F SWE S eng F nth-den; A UKR-war;  
 F ARM-bla; F sev-RUM.  
 TURKEY(Oaklyn): F BLA S rus F sev-rum; F CON-bul/sc;  
 A BUL-gre.

## 1902 SUPPLY CENTERS

A home ser 4 even\*  
 E home nwy HOL 5 +2%  
 F home spa por BEL 6 +1  
 G home (hol) den 4 even%  
 I home GRE 4 +1  
 R home swe rum 6 +1%  
 T home bul 4 +1%  
 n tun (bel) (gre) 1  
 \*-has a retreat  
 X was one short

WINTER 1902/SPRING 1903 are  
 due April 7. Would KEVIN  
 TIGHE please standby for  
 Germany.

surfing bird press

MILLE DE WORMVILLE: To all: I  
 returned from South America on  
 February 8. After 3 days of  
 unpacking and several days of  
 experiencing the South American  
 Montezuma's Mexican

Revenge, I am back in the games now. Of course, I might have  
 to take time out from Diplomacy to pay for all this postage.  
 ITALY: The Italian Government received yet another unsoli-  
 cited supply of Turkish taffy. "It is clear," commented one  
 highly placed official, "that this is the same stale brand

offered (to) us before." The shipment was sent on to parts  
 unknown.--- In another arena, the French anarchists who were  
 caught marauding in Turin made feeble attempts to pass off  
 their illegalities. Cries of "Isn't this Munich?" were heard  
 from the frogs. In spite of the written apology, it is dif-  
 ficult to believe an entire French army could go the wrong  
 way. Perhaps they actually ate some of that Turkish taffy.  
 BERGOROD-DNESTROVSKIY: Dnestrovskiy Liman, now a deep blood  
 red, suffocated several thousand large tadpoles, but at-  
 tracted many Russian sailors who were used to drinking blood  
 in such large quantities. Face down in the red waters, the  
 sailors started experiencing splintering from the crushed  
 bones on the beach. The Russian Tsar sends his love, and the  
 following message: "Thanks for not sinking our fleet and  
 taking our beloved Sevastopol." The Ottoman Turk replies by  
 returning the sent Russian love and saying "Hey, man, what  
 are allies for, anyway?" A small plane was heard overhead.  
 ROMA: Know ye all that honesty sometimes does not pay--look  
 upon my neighbors and understand their perfidy. Inquiries  
 welcome.

TURKEY-ENGLAND: Let it be known that a state of war has ex-  
 isted between our two countries the moment that you attacked  
 your stated ally, Germany. En guard! London by 1904 or bust.

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## 86CZ BOP TIL YOU DROP MENSA 23 FALL 1902

retreats: AUS A tri r VIE; RUS A gal r WAR.  
 AUSTRIA(Cheek): A gal-RUM(S A BUD); A vie-TRI; F GRE-bul/sc.  
 ENGLAND(Beaumont): F nth-NWY(S F NWG); A BEL H(S F ENG).  
 FRANCE(Coufal): A par-PIC; A BRE H; F spa/nc-POR;  
 A BUR S eng A bel; A GAS H.  
 GERMANY(Wallis): NMR; A MUN; F HEL; A RUH; A HOL; F DEN H.  
 ITALY(Dousette): F ion-EAS; F tun-ION; A tri-SER; A VEN H.  
 RUSSIA(Reges): F SWE H; A sev h(d,r ukr,otb); A war-GAL;  
 A MOS S A sev.  
 TURKEY(Burroughs): A BUL-rum; A rum-SEV(S F BLA & A ARM).

## 1902 SUPPLY CENTERS

A home gre RUM 5 +1  
 E home bel NWY 5 +1  
 F home spa por 5 even  
 G home hol den 5 even  
 I home tun SER 5 +1  
 R mos (sev) war stp swe (rum) 4 even\*  
 T home bul SEV 5 +1  
 n (ser) (nwy)  
 bop press

## WINTER 1902/SPRING

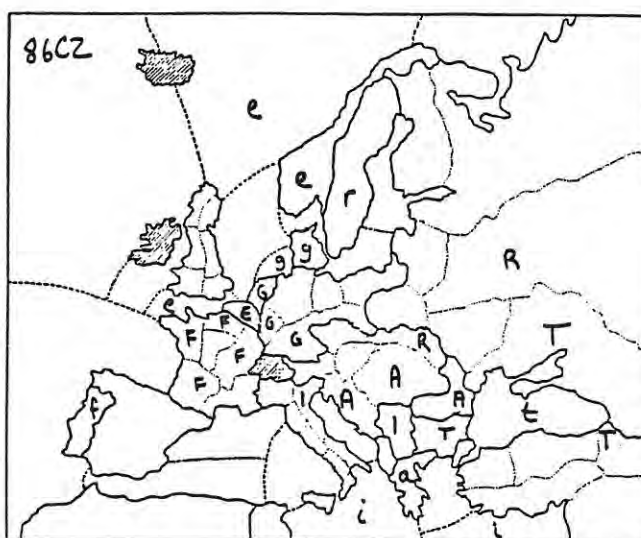
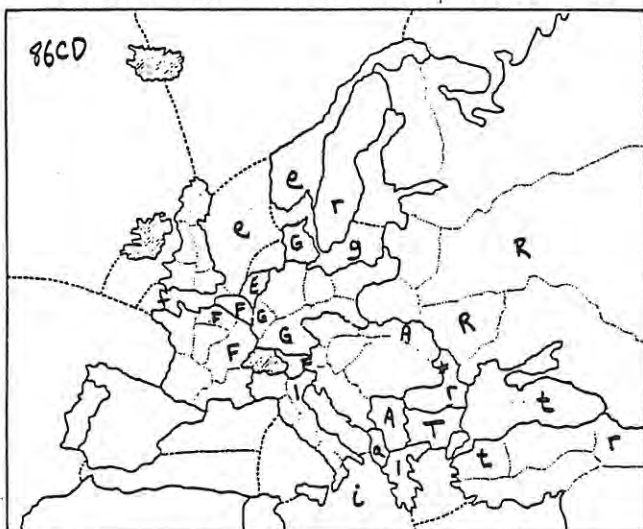
1903 are due April  
 3. Note Craig Reges  
 has taken over Rus-  
 sia. Would MARK KEL-  
 LER please standby  
 for Germany.

FRANCE-THE EAST: Anybody home? Your embassies in Paris are  
 open.

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## 87?? BLUE ANGEL GAMESTART

We've got seven signed up for this one. "Blue Angel" was the  
 German feature film debut of Marlene Dietrich. In it she  
 seduces a mean schoolmaster, leading him to ruin. We'll see  
 which of these players will follow him: AUSTRIA: Robert  
 Greier, ENGLAND: Mark Mallia, FRANCE: Rodney Schmisser,  
 GERMANY: Tom Johnson, ITALY: Les Casey, RUSSIA: Bernie  
 Oaklyn, TURKEY: Jeff Albrecht. SPRING 1901 is due April 7.





AUSTRIA(Caws) NMR, A VIE.  
 ENGLAND(McIntyre) NMR, A lvn(d,r PRU); F DEN; F HEL; F NTH;  
 A YOR; F ENG.  
 FRANCE(Strauss) A bel-BUR(S A PIC); F mid-GAS; F WES H;  
 A bre-PAR; F MAR H.  
 GERMANY(Smith) NMR, A bur(d,r MUN); A KIE; A HOL; A RUH.  
 ITALY(Baker) F tys-TUN; A TRI S rus A rum-ser; A VEN-pie;  
 F ION-gre; A TYO-pie.  
 RUSSIA(Gardner) F stp/sc-LVN(S A WAR & A MOS); F SEV H;  
 A rum-GAL(S A BUD).  
 TURKEY(Pater) F GRE-ion; A SER S rus A bud; A BUL S A ser;  
 F con-AEG(S F SMY); A ank-CON.

FALL/WINTER 1904 are due May 7, 1987. I don't have any more international standbys, so I have to ask the Bahnhof Zoo players to help out. Would STEVE KNIGHT please standby for AUSTRIA. Would CLAUDE GAUTRON please standby for ENGLAND. Would GARY COUGHLAN please standby for GERMANY.

friedrichstrasse press  
 ITALY-WORLD: You guys better look out, I too find myself looking for work. It's catching.

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 Gary Coughlan, 4614 Martha Cole Ln, Memphis TN 38118-1126  
 Paul Gardner, Rt 1 Box 2338, Newfane VT 05343-9734  
 Claude Gautron, 150 rue Masson, Winnipeg MAN R2H 0H2 CANADA  
 Steve Knight, 2732 Grand Ave S #302, Minneapolis MN 55408  
 Bruce McIntyre, 6191 Winch St, Burnaby BC V5B 2L4 CANADA  
 Lex Pater, Korvezeestraat 619, 2628 CV Delft THE NETHERLANDS  
 Malcom Smith, Odvar Solbergsvet 206, 0973 Oslo 9 NORWAY  
 Jacques-Henri Strauss, rue Rene Bazin, 75016 Paris FRANCE  
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Now, that's a bit more like it. Producing this issue has been a bit easier, though I did let it push into the weekend, which slowed things down. I'm not trying to do everything in one evening anymore, which does wonders for my sanity. My address list is returning to some semblance of normalcy. Check the sub balance on your label; if it's negative, you owe me money!

Time for a few reminders. Your game fee covers a sub to BIG HITS as long as you are in a game or on my standby list. When your last game ends or you get eliminated from that last game, I'll remind you of it. If you NMR out of a game without explanation, I'll cut off your sub and keep your money. It pays for the free issues to standbys.

If you have anything to say to me that is not directly related to the game you're playing, please write it down on a separate letter to me. One of you missed out on the new gamestart because I filed your orders away. Since I get mail from about 40 players I have to keep orders and letters in separate files to make some sense of it all.

If you want NMR insurance, it is up to YOU to keep me informed of your current phone number, especially when you move. Otherwise I'll have no phone number on your record, and I won't pay the money to check directory assistance for your number. I will try to let you know every once in a while whether or not I have your number on file.

## SO WHAT'S A VALID ORDER ANYWAY

I don't think there's a whole lot of confusion on this. My house rules are pretty clear. But in the interest of filling all this white space, let me elaborate.

I think the GM should have as little effect on the game as he can. Players shouldn't have to worry about proper form or grammar when writing orders. However, some rules have to be followed so the GM is not forced to guess the meaning of orders. In addition, the deliberately miswritten order is a valid tactic and I want to leave room for it.

In one breath, my rule is "if there's just one possibility, you don't need to mention it, but if you do mention it and get it wrong, it's miswritten." In a shorter breath, "if in doubt, leave it out."

Let's say you want to move Fleet Greece to Bulgaria (south coast). Your safest bet is to spell it all out just like that. It's also safe to abbreviate it just as I would, F Gre-Bul/sc. But if you start leaving more out, it gets tricky.

I used to require that you write the unit label with each order. I don't anymore, so if you write "Gre-Bul/sc" (leaving out the "F"), that's fine. There's only one unit in Gre, so it must be the one moving to Bul. But miswriting the unit is a no-no. If you write "A Gre-Bul/sc" it's misordered.

Now what if you leave off the coast? "F Gre-Bul" is OK, there's only one coast it can go to. If the unit started in Bul/sc, then "F Bul-Gre" is fine too. I already know it's on the south coast. There are only three moves that absolutely require a coast: F Por-Spa, F Mid-Spa, and F Con-Bul. All three have a choice of coast, and all three fail.

What if you are supporting a unit? F Gre S Rus A Ser-Bul. You don't need the "Rus", there is after all only one unit in Ser you could be supporting. But if the unit were really Italian, calling it Russian would be a misorder.

I do say in the house rules that "implied orders" are OK. This applies both to builds and supports. That is, something like F Gre S A Ser-Bul technically orders both F Gre and A Ser, so I see no need to repeat "A Ser-Bul".

What if you want to deliberately miswrite an order? Tell me "this order is deliberately miswritten." That will always do it.

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## MIST COUNTY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION PRESS

HAVANA-MCHA: Yeah, sure, you guys think you have our Red Rabbits all figured out. But check this: we've lost four games by one goal, three of those on the road. When you hit the Ice Hutch, you're dead meat. Patria o muerte!

Venceremos!

ROCKIES-LEAGUE: How about another side bet now that Denver is going to join the IHL?

F/X-LEGUMES: Know what I like about Nabisco Shredded Wheat? No Broccoli!

F/S-FLINT SWINE: Enjoy your cake walk, courtesy of ex-man-agement. ((Check the menu again...))

VEG-MOP: Let's see, last time we played you pulled your goalie to tie the match, then won in overtime. Can you be lucky twice in a row. ((Looks like he did...))

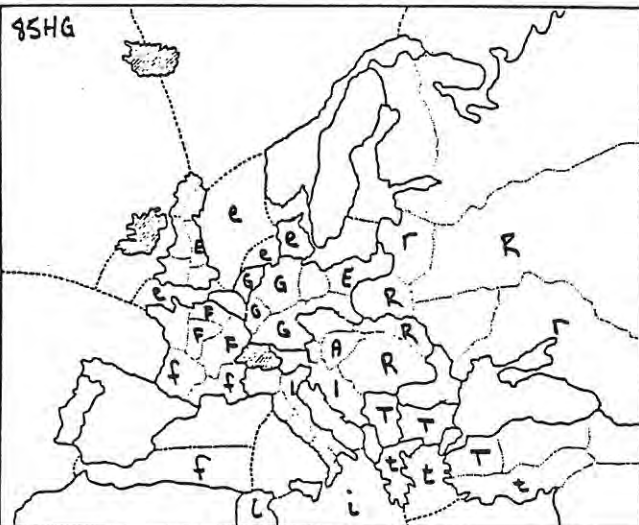
JAKE-THE GANG: You want culture shock? Wait til you're 34 and go back to college - as I'm doing! I'm in a fiction writers workshop, working my ass off, but I love it.

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Well, MOPAC finally falls, and was damned lucky not to go 0-for-three this session. Actually everyone except for Cochons and the hapless Keys broke even or better this session. Five teams are within 3 pts of second place as a result of the Cochons poor fortune. F/X looks better and may make a run for the final playoff slot. Once the Keys have a live body in charge they may join the hunt. To give Mikey Barno a small break, I'll let him raise his rookies two levels this session.

Adjudication went a little smoother this time as I found some places to streamline the process. I'm working on a computer program to allow me to type in the lineups for a game and let the computer spit out a ready to print report.

The changes have some minor effects on how goals and penalties are assigned to players, but I won't implement any major changes in formulas until we end the season. Those changes will most likely include cutting shots formulas in half and having 0 level goaltenders stop no shots rather than 33%. I could be real mean and have the goalies stop 9% for each skill level (which means a 6 level stops just 54% and a 9 level allows twice the goals of a 10 level.) We'll see...



was now	W-L-Y PT	GF	GA	DIF	VP	\$K
1 1 MOPAC	11-1-0	22	121	60	61	5 735 Blythe
2 2 COCHONS	7-4-1	15	108	71	37	4 195 Henry
3 3 LORDS	7-4-1	15	101	65	36	5 800 Hise
4 *4 ROCKIES	7-3-0	15	84	73	11	10.5 835 Pyle
5 5 S.O.C.K.	6-5-1	13	61	50	11	6 510 Anderson
6 6 VEGETABLES	6-6-0	12	169	128	31	5 110 Goode
7 7 CONEJOS	5-7-0	10	144	137	7	5 780 Halverstadt
7 8 NICEGUYS	3-7-2	8	74	71	3	4.5 660 Becker
9 9 F/X	2-9-1	5	75	123	-48	4.5 314 Allen
10 *10 HA HA KEYS	1-9-0	2	117	266	-149	9.5 505 NEW MANAGER

\*-has games to make up

Deadline for SESSION V is March 25, early bird Mar 18. Everyone got the early bird but Keys NMR'd. Mike Barno, 1814 Cameron Dr, Madison WI 53711 now takes over the Keys. Corrected address: Bryce Allen, 2-5 Monk St, Ottawa ONT CANADA K2S 3Y5. Lottery number was 54; Conejos got one digit for \$25K. Fines for lineup violations (\$10K per game) no roughness-Lords-3. Note I'm now listing power play shots with the results of each game.

#### LINEUP CHANGES

Correction: F/X rookie Anthony Perkins is D, not F.

#### AUCTION RESULTS (Next highest bids in parenthesis)

No bids on players 6-11.

- 12) IV DF 4 \$290K SOCK "Silverhawk" (\$182K)
- 13) IV FW 4 \$291K F/X "Sam Peckinpaw" (\$205K)
- 14) V DF 5 \$401K COCHONS "Buffum" (\$303K)
- 15) V FW 5 \$303K VEGIES "Radish" (\$250K)

#### NEW AUCTION

Since we have to give you something to spend your money on... (Minimum bids are in parenthesis.) 16) rookie FW 2 (ready to coach, will not count in 3 rookie limit, \$200K), 17) rookie DF 2 (same as 16, \$200K), 18) III FW 6 (\$360K), 19) III DF 6 (\$360K).

#### SESSION V SCHEDULE

MOPAC at COCHONS	COCHONS at ROCKIES	CONEJOS at COCHONS
VEGIES at F/X	F/X at COCHONS	LORDS at F/X
ROCKIES at NICEGUYS	NICEGUYS at LORDS	MOPAC at NICEGUYS
LORDS at SOCK	MOPAC at SOCK	VEGIES at ROCKIES
KEYS at CONEJOS	KEYS at VEGIES	SOCK at KEYS

#### SESSION IV RESULTS

ROCKIES 3	at	COCHONS 9
Canute-3, Martyr		Cresto-4(pp), Moutinho-3, Fortes, Sabi
pen-3: Canute-3		pen-3: Broyhill, Piironen, Salonen
34 + 4pp shots		24 + 4pp shots
*****		*****
ROCKIES 5	at	MOPAC 3
Martyr-4(pp), Offa(pp)		Atchison(pp), Crittenden, Jackson
pen-4: Alfred, Canute, Penda Martyr		pen-13: Marmaduke-4, Clark-2, Jackson-2, Atchison, Blair, Bland, Cockrell, Linn
28 + 19pp shots		12 + 4 pp shots
*****		*****
MOPAC 11	at	ROCKIES 7
Atchison-3(pp), Clark-2(pp), Crittenden-3(pp), Benton-2(pp), Bland		Martyr-3(pp), Canute-2(pp), Penda-2(2pp)
pen-11: Linn-4, Marmaduke-2, Atchison-2, Blair, Clark, Jackson		pen-7: Penda-4, Alfred, Canute Elder
11 + 7 pp shots		25 + 13pp shots
*****		*****
MOPAC 10	at	VEGIES 6
Atchison-3, Benton-3, Bland-2, Clark-2(pp)		Cauli-3(2pp), Broc-2(pp), Okra(pp)
pen-11: Marmaduke-3, Bland-2, Crittenden-2, Jackson-2, Benton, Blair		pen-5: Eggplant-4, Spinach
19 + 8pp shots		53 + 24pp shots
*****		*****

VEGIES 40	at	KEYS 19
Cabbage-8, Cauli-7, Broc-6		Roognd-6, Humfrey-4, Murphy-4, Crombie-3(pp), Chester, Chem(pp)
Eggpl-4, Onion-4, Hawkins-3		
Corn-2, Spinach-2, Okra, Yam, Carrot, Mattingly		
pen-2: Eggplant-2		pen-0:
75 + Opp shots		46 + 3pp shots
*****		*****
CONEJOS 8	at	VEGIES 18
Rodrigues-4, Sandino-4		Corn-4(pp), Cabb-4, Cauli-3(pp), Broc-2, Eggpl-2, Spinach, Carrot, Mattingly
pen-4: Bolivar-2, Guevara-2		pen-2: Eggplant-2
21 + 2pp shots		61 + 8pp shots
*****		*****
CONEJOS 11	at	F/X 10
Marti-4, Sandino-3, Paz		Chaney-4, Lugosi-2, Ogata-2, Rains(pp), Hitchcock
Bolivar-2, Guevara		pen-0:
pen-6: Bolivar-3, Guevara-3		21 + 6pp shots
31 + Opp shots		*****
*****		*****
COCHONS 5	at	S.O.C.K. 6
Fortes-3, Sabi-2		Mr. Ed-2, Barsinister(pp), Purebred, Robin, Underdog
pen-5: Biason-3, Broyhill, Piironen		pen-0:
38 + Opp shots		16 + 6pp shots
*****		*****
COCHONS 4	at	F/X 7
Cresto-2, Sabi, Fortes		Perkins-3(pp), Chaney, Rains, Lugosi(pp), Karloff
pen-5: Broyhill-2, Harjanne Fauchille, Piironen		pen-0
30 + Opp shots		21 + 7pp shots
*****		*****
NICEGUYS 4	at	F/X 4
Hands, Heart(pp), Runner		Lugosi-2, Ogata, Hitchcock(pp)
Wind		pen-0:
pen-3: Czech, Frost, Numnose		16 + 3pp + 2ot shots
23 + Opp + Oot shots		*****
*****		*****
NICEGUYS 0	at	S.O.C.K. 3
pen-9: Frost-4, Runner-2, Bony, Perthermia, Wind		Robin, Mr. Ed, Underdog
25 + 5pp shots		pen-3: Wilbur-2, Mr. Ed
*****		*****
LORDS 1	at	NICEGUYS 4
Vroom		Frost-2, Forcer, Czech
pen-0:		pen-3: Bony-2, Chills
7 + 3pp shots		40 + Opp shots
*****		*****
LORDS 20	at	KEYS 3
Vroom-5, Weber-4, Mayo-4, Fayol-3, Hergberg-2, Gilbreath, McGregor(pp)		Humfrey, Chester-2,
pen-0:		pen-1: Chester
28 + 1pp shots		68 + Opp shots
*****		*****
KEYS 9	at	ROCKIES 26
Humfrey-2, Roognd-4, Crunch-3		Offa-7, Canute-7, Martyr-7, Aethelbert-3, Penda, Cerdic
pen-0:		pen-1: Offa
21 + 1pp shots		43 + Opp shots
*****		*****
CONEJOS 27	at	KEYS 15
Marti-7, Guevara-6, Sandino-5		Murphy-8, Humfrey-3(pp), Bolivar-3, Rodrigues-3(pp), Chester-2(pp), Roognd, Chem
Fonseca-2(pp), Paz		pen-1: Humfrey
pen-5: Bolivar-3, Manley, Guevara		41 + 9pp shots
43 + 1pp shots		*****
*****		*****
CONEJOS 4	at	S.O.C.K. 2
Marti-3(pp), Rodrigues		Underdog, Mr. Ed(pp)
pen-8: Bolivar-4, Guevara-4		pen-1: Robin
30 + 4pp shots		9 + 8pp shots
*****		*****
KEYS 3	at	LORDS 19
Humfrey-2, Chester		Vroom-9, Mayo-4, Hergberg-3, Weber-2, Fayol
pen-1: Chester		pen-1: Bannt
65 + 2pp shots		37 + 1pp shots
*****		*****